

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
March 29, 2006

Present: Kay Dyson Mayor, Vice Mayor Mary Nedrow, Mark Baca, Pete Hunt and Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Chief Steve West, James Hamblin finance, Barbara Gerres Casa Manger and Fire Captain Rye Sluiter

Present: Darlene West, Dave and Amy Pulsifer

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Public participation: None
3. Resolution 2006-R006: Discussion and action regarding resolution #2006-R006 declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on March 14, 2006.

A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Springerville, Apache County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on March 14, 2006.

Mark Baca/Mary Nedrow motion to adopt resolution # 2006-R006 declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on March 14, 2006.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

4. FY 2006/2007 Budget: Discussion and presentations by various departments regarding 2006/2007 regarding services provided during the 2005 calendar year in preparation for the 2006/2007 budget planning.

Barbara Gerres office manager for Casa Malpais Archaeological Park and Museum reported on activities and services they provide for the public and the number of visitors each year. She said they would be receiving an extensive collection of pots that were purchased in the 1950's or 1960's from the site from Doug Gann's mother.

Mayor Dyson said they had been offered a collection of about 30 original Katchina dolls.

Barbara advised the council that the casa has been featured in Arizona Highways and they will also be doing another video of the site. More people are really starting to notice Casa Malpais. (Report Attached)

Barbara and her staff were told they were really appreciated and doing a good job.

Rye Sluiter reported for the fire department. He said they updated equipment for the fire department this past year. Included in the report packet is the statistics for the last year including events that happened last year. Rye said that the department works on volunteers of which there are currently twenty five. New air packs, new communications equipment a new rescue truck were purchased this past year. Captain Sluiter advised the council that a big portion of the fire department budget is for training so they are able to respond and assist surrounding communities as well as train on a weekly basis. They assist the police department with traffic control and some crime scenes when needed. Services they provide are structural fire protection respond to motor vehicle crashes, fire inspection, backup White Mountain Ambulance, and provide emergency medical response. They also respond to

wild land fire response and interface with the Forest Service as mutual aid and the Eagar Fire Department. Units are also sent out of town during the fire season which generates a considerable amount of revenue. The fire department also goes to the schools each year to teach fire prevention to the children. Each year they partner with the Eagar fire department to do fire prevention in all the schools.

He explained that the department's training budget is large because of turn over and training is ongoing. The cost per person is approximately \$2,500 to outfit a new fire fighter and training to bring them up to speed.

Captain Sluiter advised the council that the departments ISO rating is currently at 7 out of 9 the lower number being better. They are graded by different portions of equipment, amount of personnel. He explained that they were dinged on not having a dedicated ladder truck company. Upgrading their air packs and buying new equipment and working with the water department on fire hydrants for water supply will help. An ISO rating is done about every three or four years. He also said that their response time to fires is about three or four minutes. (Report Attached)

James Hamblin reported on the finance department. He explained that they are a service department to keep track of and safe guard the town assets. In the past year they completed statements 1-36 and 46 and are working on 49. They keep track of all the grants for reimbursement as soon as possible. He explained that without the new software, it would require more staff.

In the past year, there were additions to the town's asset listing from the previous year that resulted in a \$520,000 increase to the town's bottom line net worth. They keep track of all repairs to the infrastructure to be able to add to the value of the asset and not reduce the net worth. Encumbrances to prior years back had to be corrected resulted in an increase in revenue of \$270,000 last year. He noted that this was not an increase in cash but an increase in the revenue of the town. He has also constantly increasing the L.G.I.P. based on cash flow. It went from \$272,000 the prior year to \$437,000 as of December. This fund now issues a return of over \$2,000 a month. This is the town's money going into this account, not HURF funds. James also reported that they are continuing to research the transactions base to find HURF expenditures that were miss categorized. They have completed the reconciliation of cleared checks for prior years which was over 60 transactions dating back to 1989. This totaled about \$56,000 in expense where there was no actual expense.

He wrote the 2010 NACOG grant last year and was awarded for \$940,000.

James reported briefly on the airport. The town has 556 acres which included the business park. The town has the 10,000 sq. hanger, 4,000 terminal for the fixed base operator building, ramp one that is 400x500 feet, ramp two 50x 400 feet leased to the Forest Service. We also have runway 321 which is 8,425 x 75 feet, the second largest municipal runway in the State of Arizona. The crosswind runway 1129 is 4,589 x 60, a papa lighting system and an airport well, three phase power, water and sewer. He reported that we are not getting a lot out of that well since Eagar under cut the depth from that well.

Mr. Garms advised the council that the town currently has ongoing negotiations with two individuals for hangars, one private and one business. He noted that James is working hard with ADOT and FAA to create boiler plate lease agreements.

James explained that these lease agreements are 20 year leases. At the end of the 20 years, all property placed on airport property reverts to the town. With grant funds left over from the 2003 grant they did a complete property survey, engineering for a perimeter fence and installation of a vertical pivot gate that should start in April. The town was awarded a master plan grant of \$153,000. He has requested around \$16 million from ADOT and FAA on a tentative five year plan grant. If there are excess funds we will get the snow plow and building we applied for last year. He also applied for additional land, and the reconstruction widening of runways 329 and 1129, perimeter fencing and a GPS. System. (Report Attached)

Chief Steve West reported on the police department. His department has 11 employees with eight of them being sworn officers. Ellis Hicks has been working in the narcotics unit for Apache County for the last three and a half years and will be returning in July. Included is an animal control officer, an administrative assistant and a part time secretary. He noted that the Springerville police department has more calls and the amount of cases handled than St. Johns. He distributed in depth reports with department statistics.

He advised the council that there are needs that should be considered in the future. The kennels need to be upgraded and the animal control vehicle needs a chassis. Steve then gave statistics for the animal control department and said that Dennis is doing a great job.

Projects like save our seniors project, gun safety, burglary prevention and homeland security have been put in place by his department. He explained that they have brought in over \$350,000 in emergency operations money. An emergency operation center has been put into a section of the town hall to allow more audio and visual equipment. Should the emergency operations center in St. Johns go down this will be the back up. There will be enhanced security features and cameras.

He advised the council that there are highlights at the end of his report on things they have done in the year as well as organizations and affiliations the police department belongs to. It also touches on the grants the police department has brought in. The grants have also supplanted the communications in Round Valley as well as communications for public works.

Mr. Garms noted that Steve has done a lot of work on homeland security grants and other regions and areas are calling him for advice.

Mr. Garms advised the council that the departments heads would spend the next month preparing their budgets to begin budget meetings in May. His goal is to have a final adoption by June.

The Council thanked Mr. Garms for having this done. It has been helpful in understanding what all the departments do. They thanked all the department heads and said that all the reports were well done.

Mr. Garms commended all the departments and said this is probably the best group of people he has worked with. They all try to help each other succeed.

Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
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ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in special session on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2006

Town Clerk